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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the non-final Office action, dated September 7, 2005. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before December 7, 2005. A three-month extension for response is hereby requested and a three-month extension fee accompanies this filing. Thus, a timely response is filed on or before March 7, 2006. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to file this Amendment to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Amendment.